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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (ADDED TEXT SECTION 2)

BEIJING PASS CHENGDU

DEPARTMENT FOR DRL (FARR); EUR/WE (MENNUTI); EAP/CM  
(KOEHLER)

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FROM EMBASSY VATICAN/MESSAGE NO. 188/01

E.O. 12958: DECL: 10/29/11

TAGS: PREL PGOV KIRF PINR VT CH

SUBJECT: VATICAN PLAYS CHINA GAMBIT. AWAITS CHINA'S MOVE.

PRESIDENT HAD DELIVERED A STRONG MESSAGE IN SUPPORT OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND HAD PRIVATELY ASKED PRC PRESIDENT JIANG ZEMIN TO RESUME DIALOGUE WITH THE VATICAN, CELLI, ESPECIALLY ATTENTIVE, SOLICITED AN URGENT READ-OUT ON JIANG ZEMIN'S RESPONSE. HE REPEATED THIS REQUEST AT MEETING'S CLOSE.

17. (C) ACTION REQUEST: EMBASSY REQUESTS GUIDANCE AND TALKING POINTS IN RESPONSE TO VATICAN APPEAL FOR A READOUT ON PRESIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS IN SHANGHAI AND USG APPRAISAL OF PRC REACTIONS TO THIS PAPAL INITIATIVE.

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